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Dear Mr. Carroll,

In recent days I've received accounts of what you are about to publishing the book the title alone of which is damaging to a number of people your author, Harry Livingstone, imagines have conspired against him and worse. In your own words, quoted in Publishers Weekly, we are allegedly "furthering the conspiracy" to kill the President. You personally then charge me with at the least being an accessory after the fact of that terrible crime. I did not know whether this is real or puffery but the accounts I've gotten, admittedly hearsay, of what the book says along with still new threats by your author that were sent me and I received yesterday have me deeply concerned.

With the clear threat in the published interview I got only yesterday I have to be concerned about being killed. His words, along with the other spurious and I assure you I believe malicious allegations of assassination involvement, are " will pay for it." I am aware that this can be ambiguous but my knowledge of your author leads me to believe that he continues to be the menace I believe he had become more than a half-year ago. This involves the state of my health, not that I think he will kill me. But then there is also his clear irrationality I believe cannot be entirely unknown to you, so who can tell.

Yesterday, sitting and reading a hardback commercialization and exploitation of the assassination, the book merely slipped. In that simple act that others would not even notice the skin on my forearm peeled back. My skin alone is so friable that from my accidental rubbing my nose in my sleep it peeled back on my right forearm an ~~inh~~ inch in one direction and two inches in the other direction. Merely grazing against the ~~xxxxx~~ round doorknob ~~xx~~ with the other forearm as I walked out of my small office, and I can walk only slowly, I did the same thing to it. In all in recent weeks I have had as many as eight complete or halves of 3x3 surgical compresses on both arms to cover recent such injuries or those that had clotted, the latter for mechanical protection. I have my blood tested thrice weekly so the clotting time can be monitored carefully because of the inherent danger of the medication that keeps me alive and causes the skin condition I refer to. The adhesive tape that holds the patch on after the needle is removed causes subcutaneous hemorrhaging. The merest contact with anything also does, as anyone who has seen me in recent years can tell you.

Aside from other quite serious medical conditions what I tell you above means that the merest push can kill me. And I know your author to be capable of violence.

I do not know whether when you decided to publish what you cannot have submitted to any competent peer review, not asked me anything at all about, you considered what those of us you clearly indicate you know are going to be severely damaged by your

publication will or may do to protect ourselves from those charges that I assure you without any qualifications at all are 100 percent fictitious and made up out of nothing at all as they relate to me and from what I know of the others. With them I have had, or little contact, despite what is reflected in Harry's letters and from all he says is in the book you are about to publish.

Have you asked yourself what I should do? Should I be silent and give them validity thereby? Or should I respond and with the response I can make perhaps ruin your book and his reputation?

Deppite what you may have been told and perhaps believe, I have never once said a word to now in public about Harry's previous books and in private have said very little and then almost 100% in defense of his absolutely crazy allegations.

Of course I'll have to respond. I will not allow anything to besmirch my name or malign my work.

What then? Can you assure me that he will not come here, despite being told never to do that again?

With the condition of my heart after the heart surgery of 1989, his coming alone can have the most serious consequences. I can only wonder what reading publication of the most venomous and entirely baseless allegations he has already made and has been told are false will do.

My present concern comes from the published interview I got in yesterday's mail. I do not know when it was but it begins with a damaging and false and utterly baseless quotation from the book. Aside from a variety of the ugliest descriptives he does say, "accessories after the fact" of us "they will pay for it." And this after whatever you have cut out. He also says he will publish that himself and then has another book to do from what he said earlier for you.

I am, I believe, an innocent party in this situation for which I also believe you are responsible.

Do not misunderstand this to be any kind of threat. I have never lived that way. My only acts of violence in 80 years were as a soldier in World War II. I was a Gandian probably before you were born and I cannot remember ever making a direct threat. Perhaps the FBI took some of FOIA affidavits that way when I alleged and proved its perjury but there was nothing I could do other than make the record and it was no threat.

If I wanted to I cannot threaten you in any way. I am not up to a lawsuit although I am without doubt that the malice line has been crossed repeatedly and not with me alone. I can walk a single flight of stairs only with difficulty and considerable fatigue. I may not lift more than 15 pounds. There is no threat I can or do make.

As you can see, I cannot even face the typewriter when I type because I must keep my legs elevated when I am not walking. I can walk slowly for about five minutes.

I am not threatening you but I am informing you. Is the lawyer's word making you witting? There are others. I have not spoken to them. I do not know what they will do, if anything. I do know that one who has read the book has counselled another to get a good lawyer. Hearsay, of course, but I believe it from the Harry's letters I have and what I know he has said that was recorded on answering machines.

Because you have not done what I believe personal and professional responsibility required, made an effort to learn the truth, I tell you a few things you would have learned.

Yes, I know Harry says he submitted each chapter to others to read but those others are his fans and are as ignorant of the fact of the subject and his accusations as he is. That is not even a pretense of a peer review. You could not have made any authentic peer review without my knowing it there are so few capable of it and I know them all.

Harry first began to suspect that I conspired against him when, after I refused any comment on his first book, including to the Baltimore Sun, he pushed me for a comment on it. I evaded even to him by asking him why would anyone run the risk of faking pictures or X-rays of the assassination to wind up with film that utterly destroys the only purpose of such faking? The question is a fact and I published the official documents proving it in facsimile, adding simplification everyone in the world, including children who write me about it, understand clearly and he says he cannot. If you want xeroxes I'll send them.

He was so upset about that that he was going to eliminate my books from his second's bibliography. The cop he calls his chief investigator chided him for that so he did not exclude them.

After his second book was out, the book so dependant upon the back of the President's head having been blown out, he phoned. He did not tell me he was working on the coming book. Instead he lied. He told me he was working on a documentary with people in New York. He had, incredibly, after two books, never studied the Zapruder film. He told me he was going to the Archives and wanted to know what to study. I told him he would not like it. He persisted and I told him to project the slides that follow those published by the Commission, nine that it had omitted that it should have published. He asked me what that would show. I told him that not only was the back of the head intact, there was no sign of blood on it or on the shirt collar below it that is clearly visible. He phoned me three weeks later to tell me I was right and that he was glad to know he had been wrong.

That did not last long in his sick head. It soon came out of that head that the film had been doctored, In response I wrote him in detail how that was impossible for the original. But to your prize property what is real is not what is real but what he wants to be real. And thus I became part of his two imagined conspiracies.

His imagined conspiracy to kill is what he was fed by Texans who had their own

objectives, two of them having been fired by the sons of H.L.Hunt as common thieves. When I told Harry that was the fake made up by the French CIA that I had exposed he refused to believe it. He asked instead "what is wrong with it?"It was a job by SDECE that Garrison went for and when I proved it was a fake at his request relayed by his chief investigator, a regular New Orleans police detective, I took a copy he gave me to Hunt's chief of security, Paul Rothermel, Jr. When I phoned Rothermel from Garrison's office he told me there would be a ticket awaiting me, a chauffeur at the statue of the Texas ranger at Love field and a paid-for hotel room. I accepted the ticket instead of Garrison paying for it and not another single thing. Not even a paperclip. Later, after he was fired, I accepted a single drink from Rothermel. That is the "help" I gave Harry's imagined conspirators. On the "pay" I got for it.

No, there is nothing else. To protect the old man Hunt from the many extremists who went to him for money Rothermel asked me about some so he'd have a means of protecting the old man from what they might do with his money. I have files on this, under the names of those groups, perhaps some filed Rothermel.I never asked for any kind of payment but I think once he did send me $50.

And thus I am made into a part of the conspiracy to kill and as an accessory.

There is not another thing of any kind. And if you want to check on my refusal to speak of the book to the Sun, the reporter was Henry Scarupa. The Sun bought up many contracts when it reduced staff. If he is no longer there he lived in Columbia, Md. and should be in the phone book.

In one of his letters I was given Harry asks why George Lardner, the Washington Post's subject expert,trusts me. The simplest reason is that for 25 years he has known he can and has never had a kickback including from the House assassins committee. If you do not know of this long relationship, it is real. We disagree on much, I do not want you to be under any misapprehension about that. But just suppose that he is asked to review the book for the Post. Or to do a story on it. He sees all those things about me and he has known and trusted me for 25 years? Have you thought about that and what it can mean. Lardner knows I make my files available to all, including Harry and his cop who it happens robbed me for Lifton when he was here for Harry. But just suppose he comes and copies whatever he wants from those files, including of Harry's imagined atrocities and various threats?

Or, suppose that I decide to invite the press in for an independent, unsupervised examination next to our copier?

Harry has seen to it that I know what I can expect. But until I see what is published I do not know what to expect.

Until then I can't know what I might do or want to do. But I do assure you that my reputation and that of my work I will defend, with what vigor I am capable of.

You do not know me and I recognize that you have, in my opinion, some problems.

So you will not have to depend on my word I enclose the pages of Post Mortem on which I reproduce the pages of the Clark panel report on the official reading of the autopsy film Harry insists he cannot understand, the beginning of his imaginingnthat I conspire against him. I have highlighted on my page 592 what disproves the Report and more and you can decide for yourself whether as I have letters from him saying, it is incomprehensible. Then on page 590 what I have highlighted and believed was so obvious I did not annotate it, there is the additional fragment in the back of the head. Do you think JFK was born with metal in his head?

I also enclose a xerox of a Zapruder frame of the back of the head some time after the fatal shot. You can see only that it is of even black density. I realize that may not satisfy you. You can see what this was copied from on a VCR, the PBS broadcast of that excellent version of the Zapruder film. If you cannot or do not want to take the time on your promise of its return I'll send you the color print. But relatively slight enlargements from VCR tapes introduces many rectangles, like photoengraving dots, so it is not 100 % clear to one inclined to question. I think, however, it is clear enough to satisfy you that the back of the head is intact and that there is no blood visible anywhere.

Something else just came to mind. Before he published his first book Harry asked me to give several chapters a critical reading. They were his treatment of the medical evidence. That was the first time I had seen a computer printout. The pages were not detached and knowing nothing I kept them that way. Not knowing whether he wanted no marks made I made none. Instead I affixed paperclips where there was what I wanted to call to his attention. He later phoned me, he said from Canada, and I went over that with him. He made no changes. I asked him why he put me to all that time and trouble for nothing. His explanation was that he phoned me from a phone booth and could make no notes! I still have that.

Are you beginning to see what I could have done to you, your book and your author if I had wanted to? Or how I could have helped the sales of my own if I had? Is that what in your opinion (his is less than worthless) makes me an accessory in the assassination?

I really hate to have taken this time but I think my own interest, really my safety if not my life require it. I hate to have taken this time from annotation of the most intendedly and professionally dishonest book on the subject I am annotating for history. If you do not want to keep secret when your book will appear I would like to know so I can clear all else for annotating it.

I repeat because I think it serves all interests, you are welcome to go over and to copy my files on this.

I am sorry my typing cannot be any better.

Sincerely, and regretfully,

Harold Weisberg

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1968 PANEL REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPHS, X-RAY FILMS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE PERTAINING TO THE FATAL WOUNDING OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963 IN DALLAS, TEXAS

At the request of The Honorable Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the United States, four physicians (hereafter sometimes referred to as The Panel) met in Washington, D. C. on February 26 and 27 to examine various photographs, X-ray films, documents and other evidence pertaining to the death of President Kennedy, and to evaluate their significance in relation to the medical conclusions recorded in the Autopsy Report on the body of President Kennedy signed by Commander J. J. Humes, Medical Corps, United States Navy, Commander J. Thornton Boswell, Medical Corps, United States Navy and Lieutenant Colonel Pierre A. Finck, Medical Corps, United States Army and in the Supplemental Report signed by Commander Humes. These appear in the Warren Commission Report at pages 538 to 545.

The four physicians constituting The Panel were:

(1) Carnes, William H., M.D., Professor of Pathology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, Member of Medical Examiner's Commission, State of Utah, nominated by Dr. J. E. Wallace Sterling, President of Stanford University.

(2) Fisher, Russell S., M.D., Professor of Forensic Pathology, University of Maryland, and Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, nominated by Dr. Oscar B. Hunter, Jr., President of the College of American Pathologists.

This is the 1968 panel report released by Ramsey Clark in January 1969 to head off Jim Garrison's efforts to have the pictures and x-rays produced in court at the trial of Clay Shaw. See pp. 155ff. for extensive analysis.

Note the panel includes among its responsibilities to evaluate the photographic materials in relation to the "medical conclusions" of Humes' Supplemental Report. This the panel fails to do. The Supplemental Report is never again mentioned in this panel report.

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The foregoing observations indicate that the pathway of the projectile involving the neck was confined to a region to the right of the spine and superior to a plane passing through the upper margin of the right scapula, the apex of the right lung and the right clavicle. Any other pathway would have almost certainly fractured one or more bones of the right shoulder girdle and thorax.

Other Regions Studied: No bullets or fragments of bullets are demonstrated in X-rayed portions of the body other than those described above. On film #13, a small round opaque structure, a little more than 1 mm. in diameter, is visible just to the right of the midline at the level of the first sacral segment of the spine. Its smooth characteristics are not similar to those of the projectile fragments seen in the X-rays of the skull and neck.

Examination of the Clothing

Suit Coat (CE 393) A ragged oval hole about 15 mm. long (vertically) is located 5 cm. to the right of the midline in the back of the coat at a point about 12 cm. below the upper edge of the coat collar. A smaller ragged hole which is located near the midline and about 4 cm. below the upper edge of the collar does not overlie any corresponding damage to the shirt or skin and appears to be unrelated to the wounds or their causation.

In describing the all too few x-rays of the "neck region" the panel demolishes the Warren Report and the integrity of the autopsy doctors' testimony. Humes had sworn there were no metallic fragments in the neck visible on the x-rays (2H361). 399 is clearly unfragmented, yet it had to have caused the neck wounds for the Commission's case to survive. Thus, the panel's statement that "several small metallic fragments are present" in the neck region, although lacking the detail and precision that might be expected from such eminences, is sufficient to prove that the Report and the autopsy findings on which it was based are irreversibly wrong.

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The metallic fragments visualized within the right cerebral hemisphere fall into two groups. One group consists of relatively large fragments, more or less randomly distributed. The second group consists of finely divided fragments, distributed in a postero-anterior direction in a region 45 mm. long and 8 mm. wide. As seen on lateral film #2 this formation overlies the position of the coronal suture; its long axis if extended posteriorly passes through the above-mentioned hole. It appears to end anteriorly immediately below the badly fragmented frontal and parietal bones just anterior to the region of the coronal suture.

Here we learn that the entrance wound in the head, never measured by the autopsy doctors who preferred to locate it merely as "slightly above" the occipital protuberance, was actually 100 mm. above that point. No silly millimeter here. That is 4 inches higher than the autopsy doctors made out, putting the wound high on the back of the President's head instead of near the hairline as the doctors swore to and depicted on drawings. This is how the panel "supported" the autopsy report.

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